

SALARY INCREASES NEAR SETTLEMENT

The question of how much salary increase shall be allowed Government employees in the next fiscal year may be reached in the House this afternoon.

The legislative bill, which has been under consideration much of the week, involves the recommendation of the House Appropriations Committee to increase the pay of Government clerks and employees \$120 over the basic pay the next fiscal year and the National Federation of Federal Employees and other organizations of Government employees are working for an increase of \$300.

In the course of discussion of the legislative bill, Congressman Madden of Illinois attacked Herbert D. Brown, head of the Federal Bureau of Efficiency. He charged Brown increased his own salary from \$5,000 to \$6,000, out of a lump-sum appropriation, without any authority of law.

DENIES UNION AIDS DISHONEST CARMEN

J. H. Cookman, secretary and treasurer of the employees' union of the Capital Traction Company, today denied the report that officials of the union were hindering the company from stamping out dishonesty among the men.

"The union is waging a determined fight to eliminate all dishonest employees," said Cookman, "and we regret the attitude of the people who seem to think that all the men are crooked. The ones who steal are mostly floaters and as soon as they are found out they are let go."

CANADIAN EXPRESS HITS FREIGHT; FOUR KILLED

CAMP BELLTON, New Brunswick, Jan. 17.—Four persons were killed and several injured when the Maritime express, bound for Halifax from Montreal, was wrecked near here early today.

ZIONISTS URGING JEWISH REPUBLIC

PARIS, Jan. 17.—Zionist leaders from England, Poland, Syria and Russia are here to press their claims before the peace conference for land recognition. They want Palestine restored and converted into a Jewish republic.

Years ago Palestine had a population of nearly 8,000,000. Today the population is less than 600,000. Zionist leaders believe that within a generation they can increase the population to 5,000,000.

Climatically, botanically and agriculturally, Palestine is like California. Oranges, grapes, almonds and agricultural products can be grown there in abundance. In a few years leaders in the movement believe they can do much to solve the problem of feeding thousands of Jews now on the point of starvation in several of the European countries.

Their plan is to set aside an area about equal to that of the State of Maryland; to have their own government; to establish agricultural schools and colleges. Justice Brandeis and Felix Frankfurter are said to be leading American backers of the new movement.

CRITTENTON MISSION SENDS OUT S O S CALL

With many of the occupants of the home ill and with a shortage of nurses and hospital facilities to deal with such a situation, the Florence Crittenton Hope and Help Mission, 218 Third street northwest, today issued an appeal to the Washington public for funds.

There have been four deaths in the home within the last week, according to statements by Mrs. Thomas E. Robertson, chairman of the board of managers, and Mrs. George King, chairman of the house committee. The funds of the mission have become almost entirely exhausted during its fight in the height of the influenza epidemic here, and contributions of money, food, or sick-room supplies will be gratefully received.

Washington Babies Who Will Have to Be Introduced to Their Fathers No. 13.



DOUGLAS MITCHELL, Who was born February 27, 1918, five months after his father, Private Walter J. Mitchell, 127th Division, Aviation Corps, left home for France. Mrs. Myrtle B. Mitchell, the mother, is at home with the baby at 493 I street southwest.

Who's Back From the War

A daily list of men in the Army, Navy and Marine Corps who have returned to Washington after service overseas or in camps in this country. If you want your friends to know you're home, write to The Times or phone Main 5260, Branch 101.

Boatswain's Mate Ralph M. Coates, Navy, 1110 Allison St. N. W.
Private Howard Miller, 125th Machine Gun, 726 Sixth St. N. E.
Lieut. Winfield S. Cline, Signal Corps, 1906 N. St. N. W.
Lieut. Philip E. King, Infantry, 713 Nineteenth St. N. W.
Field Clerk John Fuller, Adjutant General's Office, 58 H St. N. W.
Private Bernard Roth, Infantry, 815 Fifth St. N. E.
Private George C. Hughes, 407 Florida avenue N. E.
Chief Boatswain's Mate Tarp M. Ward, Navy, 302 V St. N. W.
Corp. John E. Ryan, 13th Construction Company, 302 V St. N. W.

GRANT HEARING ON ROCKVILLE FARES

After six refusals of the Maryland public service commission to consider the protests of the patrons of the Rockville line against arbitrary fare raises, the commission today gave notice of a hearing in the Munsey building, Baltimore, on January 27. The announcement comes as a surprise to thousands of Washington workers who live between Georgetown and Rockville, and is the aftermath of the editorial exposure in The Times of the changes in rates and commutation tickets effected on the Rockville line. The Times called attention to the facts and the law in the matter and also to the many decisions of the public service commission of Maryland which benefited the railroad, and suggested that the entire matter be laid before the governor of Maryland unless the public service commission acted properly.

Threatened Action.
Taking the hint of The Times, patrons of the road threatened to go to the governor of Maryland; and then the Maryland commission granted the hearing.

The new rates, originally announced by the railway company last October, have been attacked by patrons on the ground that their enforcement was a violation of an act of the Maryland Legislature adopted in 1912. The act is an amendment of an act passed in 1910, and has never been questioned in court or amended or repealed by the legislature. It provides for establishment of fare zones, fixed rates of fares, commutation rates, etc., the Washington and Rockville line being the only one in the State operating under such an act of the legislature.

Hearing Refused.
When the new rates were filed with the Public Service Commission, patrons of the line asked at once for a hearing. This, however, was refused, the commission, through its secretary, Ben T. Fendall, standing on an opinion by W. Cabell Bruce, its chief counsel, that the act of 1912, as well as the original act of 1910, was unconstitutional.

Despairing of inducing the commission to take action, patrons of the line had decided to lay the facts of the case before Governor Harrington. Announcement by the commission that it had reconsidered the matter and would hold hearings probably will lead to an appeal to the governor.

State Senator Metzger, of Prince George's county, has received a letter from the Maryland Public Service Commission announcing that it will take up the complaints of the public as to the service on the City and Suburban line, running between here and Laurel. At Senator Metzger's request the commission has assigned its assistant general counsel to represent the public in preparing their cases.

"NO FATHER LOVE" CHARGE DENIED BY DR. STAPLES

Dr. Aubrey H. Staples today filed his answer to the suit of Mrs. Maude R. Staples in the matter of the custody of their thirteen-year-old daughter Helen, and denied he ever desired not

to have her custody as was alleged by Mrs. Staples.

Dr. Staples says he has always been anxious to have his child and has done everything in his power to care for and support her. He also denies that he is living "comfortably, enjoying a large and remunerative practice as a physician and having all the pleasures life affords." He says he has been a cripple since his fourth year and is compelled to expend a great deal of money on doctor's care and treatment and that his income as a physician is barely \$100 a month.

Today's Market Hints

Prices to retailers and general market information furnished by Bureau of Markets, U. S. Department of Agriculture. Fair prices to consumers by the District Food Administration.

ABUNDANT—White potatoes, cabbage, cauliflower, turnips, squash, carrots, normal—Raisins, grapes, oranges, lemons.

SCARCE—Potatoes, spinach, celery, oyster plant, parsnips, lettuce, tomatoes, cranberries.

Product	Grade	Cost to Retailer	Fair Price Today
CELERY, Cut, stalks	12-18c	15-25c	12-18c
CABBAGE, 10 lbs.	12-18c	2-4c	10-16c
CARROTS, 10 lbs.	8-12c	10-16c	10-16c
CALIFLOWERS, 10 lbs.	16-20c	20-30c	16-20c
KALE, pk.	28-32c	35-45c	28-32c
SPINACH, 10 lbs.	2-12c	12-20c	2-12c
ONIONS, yellow, 1/2 pk.	6-10c	5-12c	6-10c
PARSNIPS, 1/2 pk.	14-18c	17-22c	14-18c
No. 1, pk. (15 lbs.)	22-40c	34-50c	22-40c
No. 2, pk. (15 lbs.)	15-20c	20-25c	15-20c
Sweet, No. 1, 1/2 pk.	18-22c	22-30c	18-22c
Sweet, No. 2, 1/2 pk.	10-15c	12-20c	10-15c
SPINACH, pk.	25-30c	30-40c	25-30c
SQUASH, 10 lbs.	14-20c	2-25c	14-20c
TURNIPS, 10 lbs.	2-5c	4-7c	2-5c
do., topped, 1/2 pk.	5-10c	4-7c	5-10c
APPLES—First Grade, York Im., 1/2 pk.	17-20c	22-27c	17-20c
do., Grimes, 1/2 pk.	18-21c	22-25c	18-21c
do., Gano and Ben, 1/2 pk.	11-12c	15-20c	11-12c
do., Stayman, 1/2 pk.	16-18c	20-25c	16-18c
do., No. 2 varieties, 1/2 pk.	6-11c	8-15c	6-11c
BANANAS, 10 lbs.	22-30c	28-45c	22-30c
CRANBERRIES, 10 lbs.	18-24c	25-35c	18-24c
do., new stock, qt.	18-24c	25-35c	18-24c
GRAPEFRUIT, 10 lbs.	8-14c	9-15c	8-14c
do., large, each	5-7c	6-10c	5-7c
do., medium, doz.	15-18c	19-25c	15-18c
do., small, doz.	12-15c	16-20c	12-15c
ORANGES, 10 lbs.	27-40c	45-60c	27-40c
do., large, doz.	20-25c	34-48c	20-25c
do., medium, doz.	22-30c	38-40c	22-30c
do., small, doz.	22-30c	38-40c	22-30c

It Works! Try It

olla how to loosen a sore tender corn so it lifts out without pain.

The new spreads rapidly as druggists here are kept busy dispensing freezezone, the other discovery of a Cincinnati man, which is said to loosen any corn so it lifts out with the fingers.

Ask at any pharmacy for a quarter ounce of freezezone which will cost very little, but is said to be sufficient to rid one's feet of every hard or soft corn or callus.

You apply just a few drops on the tender, itching corn and instantly the soreness is relieved, and soon the corn is so shriveled that it lifts out without pain. It is a sticky substance which dries when applied and never inflames or even irritates the adjoining tissue.

This discovery will prevent thousands of deaths annually from lock jaw and infection, the result of cutting from the suicidal habit of cutting corns.

SAYS SECRECY WILL MEAN ANOTHER WAR

Secrecy in the peace conference means another world war, Senator Lewis, Illinois, Democratic whip of the Senate, declared today to the Senate. Lewis echoed criticism of the reported "bottling up" of the peace conference, voiced by Senator Borah, Idaho, who declared, with Lewis, that continuation of secret diplomacy means that the dream of world peace will not come true.

Secret diplomacy in any form was assailed before the Senate by Senator Borah of Idaho. He declared the Senate "should let the American people delegates know that the great majority of the American people are dead against secret sessions of the peace conference or any bottling up of the news from Versailles."

WRIGHT FREED IN ROSA FARMER CASE

RUSTBURG, Va., Jan. 17.—After several hours' deliberation, the jury trying Mahon T. Wright, soldier for the murder of Rosa Farmer, brought in a verdict of acquittal. Wright was charged with slaying Miss Farmer in the woods near her home here on November 19.

Commonwealth Attorney A. H. Light, who prosecuted the case, told The Times that the evidence against Wright was purely of a circumstantial nature.

Wright has protested his innocence from the beginning following his arrest in the mountains, where he sought refuge when he learned he was to be charged with the crime.

Wright still faces an indictment charging him with assault, but it is not believed he will be brought to trial on this charge. He is also wanted by the Government authorities on the charge of overstaying his leave of absence from his company at the Government proving grounds.

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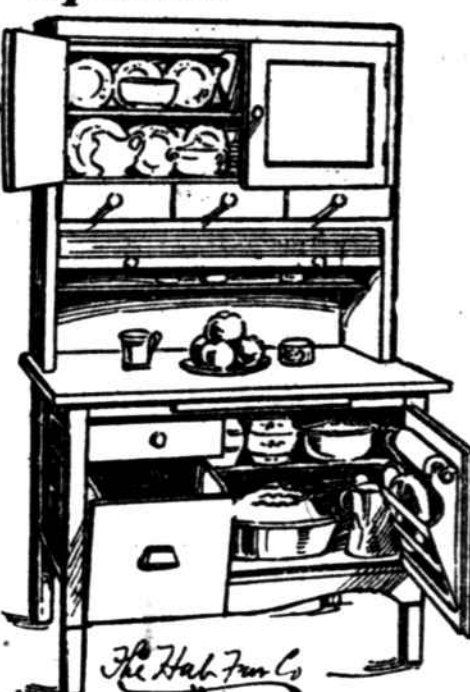


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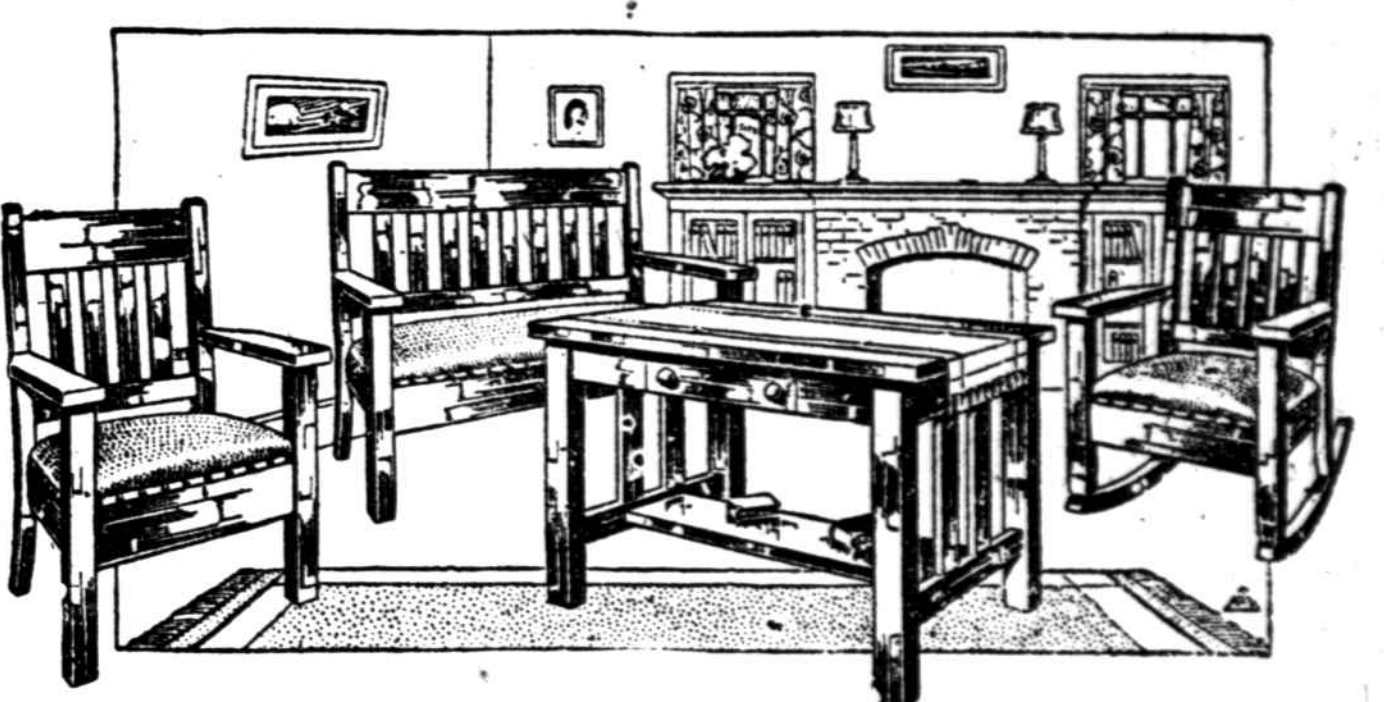
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